Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Is there any objection to insert the date and time of opening the tenders in the notification?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—There is absolutely no objection. Since the receipt of this question I have introduced the system.

Panchayat Roads.

379. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total length of roads maintained by Panchayats;

(b) the total amount allowed to the Panchayat for maintenance of these roads;

(c) whether these maintenance amounts are sanctioned according to any fixed standard;

(d) whether there have not been complaints from Panchayats regarding the inadequacy of amounts allowed for road maintenance?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) 545 miles.

(b) Rs. 18,701 for 1107 and Rs. 31,777 from 1108 onwards.

(c) Till now no fixed standard was adopted. From 1108 onwards, there will be a fixed rate for each mile according to the importance of the road concerned.

(d) Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(a) Is it the length of the road maintained to-day ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—This does not include the roads opened in 1106. We have opened 15 or 20 miles of roads in 1106. This list was submitted towards the close of 1106 and I was not able to include these roads also.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezuthassan.—Am I to understand that Rs. 31,777 mentioned as the amount to be spent in 1108 is the amount to be spent upon these 545 miles or the 20 miles opened last year ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is only for this 545. As for the 20 miles I am preparing a supplementary list for submission to the Government.

Relief—Kole cultivators.

380. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether representations have not been received by the Government from kole cultivators in the State praying for relief to them;

(b) what is the revenue derived from kole lands in the State;

(c) what is the rate per acre;

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(d) what is the approximate cost of cultivation per acre;

(e what has the Government done thus far for redressing the grievance of these kole cultivators?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Rs. 59,606—14—3.

(c) Ranging from Rs. 2—8—0 to Rs. 6—8—0 per acre for Pandaravaka Verumpattom and half of this for Puravaka lands.

(d) Between Rs. 25 and Rs. 35 per acre according to the nature of the area.

(e) Government are taking steps to facilitate Kuttadan cultivation in the kole area.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(c) Is this the rate every year or according to the area which is cultivated?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Every year.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Does the Government know that because of the difficulties of kole cultivation large areas used to be left uncultivated in the last few years?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Only a normal area which was left fallow last year. There has not been very appreciable areas left fallow. For the current year statistics have been collected. But for the year 1106 we are only collecting statistics.

Deputy President.—May I draw the attention of the Government that there has been a ruling by the President that the Member in charge must answer?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—There has been a ruling that any Government Member can answer.

Deputy President.—In the absence of the Member in charge any other Member can answer.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Even otherwise. I raised that point of order. The President gave a ruling that any Government Member can answer.

Deputy President.—Suppose one Member answers half and the others answer the other half. One question can be answered only by one Member.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I think that practice has been followed. Any Government Member can answer any question. I raised that point of order. This is one Government block but for convenience sake the work has been allotted to different Members. The present Deputy President then asked why not allow that privilege to the non-official Members also and the President said that it would be done

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when the Standing Orders are revised. I distinctly remember it.

Cheroor Toddy shop.

381 Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what is the rental of Cheroor toddy shop for the last five years;

b) how many feet from the public road is this shop situated;

(c) have representations to remove it further from theo a d been received by the Government?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—

			Rs.
(a)	1103	..	2,900
	1104	..	3,400
	1105	..	3,710
	1106	..	5,500
	1107	..	4,820

(b) 60 feet.

(c) The records available do not show that any such representations were made.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is this distance of 60 feet from the road? Is it the nearest spot to the building where toddy is sold or to the exact spot where toddy is sold?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Building.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has the Government any objection to remove it far from the road?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—If a convenient place is available, we will do it next year.

Chira in Peringavu Village.

382. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the inhabitants of Peringavu village had petitioned the Government to give them a chira below വളിയങ്കാവിൽ;

(b) has the Government inquired into the necessity for the chira and has it been satisfied regarding the necessity;

(c) what will be the approximate cost of putting up this chira;

(d) what has the Government done in the matter of redressing this grievance?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) In the absence of information regarding the date of the petition, it is not possible to reply.

(b), (c) and (d) These questions do not arise in view of the answer to (a).

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